The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

WHEREAS, Idaho's Domestic Violence Act (Act) is entering its third decade; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the State of Idaho, since the passage of the Act, have been to provide recognition of the devastation caused by domestic violence and enforce the laws that relate to domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, throughout Idaho, there exists a dedicated and concerted movement by service providers, civil and criminal justice professionals, treatment programs, community members, government agents and legislators, who consistently work toward a violence free society and provide assistance to victims; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho, through legislation and efforts statewide, recognizes that domestic violence permeates all ethnic, racial, age, gender and socioeconomic populations, and that victims suffer physically and mentally; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to set aside a special time to bring this issue to the attention of all Idahoans so they can become better informed and involved in programs to eliminate this epidemic from our society; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance are joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials and concerned citizens throughout Idaho and across the country to observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES RISCH, acting Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2003, to be

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE